Mr. President: Then you may refer to it.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to treat the prisoners according to the principles of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Have the Government received complaints from the prisoners themselves direct?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They say that they have not been received.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I am asking whether they have received complaints directly?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether Government have made an enquiry into this gesture?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have made an enquiry.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know who conducted the enquiry?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The District Magistrate.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether there is objection to produce the Honorary Visitor's report.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any case of maltreatment been brought to the notice of Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

APPOINTMENTS—CONSIDERATION OF SENIORITY

140. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):*

(*a*) will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House the Circular No. 20/16, dated 15th May 1941 issued by Government regarding the adherence to the rules regarding seniority in matters of appointment;

(*b*) is it the intention of Government to take into consideration the seniority of a candidate in one department in appointments to be made in other departments;

(*c*) have Government with them an easy referencer to know the relative seniority of all Government officers?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) A copy of the printed circular is placed on the Council table.

(*b*) Yes, subject to certain limitations.

(*c*) Yes; the Civil List contains particulars required for determining the seniority of officers whose pay or whose maximum pay is Rs. 50 and above.

OFFICIATING VACANCIES—FILLING OF

141. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copies of the following Government orders.—

(*a*) J. 4-19678/16, dated 15th May 1941, (regarding officiating arrangements to be made consequent on the grant of privilege leave to officers);

(*b*) P. 5-16652/16, dated 16th May 1941, (regarding arrangements to be made during interim vacancies?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) Copies of the Government orders referred to are placed on the Council table.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what are the limitations referred to in answer to (*b*) of question No. 140?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Heads of Departments are allowed to give promotions in their own Departments in cases where they are themselves competent to make these appointments and promotions. In the case of appointments which are made by Government, they take the seniority of all men in the service as a whole, where the vacancy is for a period of 6 months and more. These are the limitations.

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